

# *Wadleigh Memorial Library*

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## **~ Director's Report 2005~**

The year 2005 was the "Year of Change" for staff at the Wadleigh Memorial Library. Library Director Art Bryan retired after twenty years of loyal service to the Milford community. Children's Librarian Stephanie Minter, otherwise known as "Miss Stephanie," retired after 16 years of service to area children and their caregivers. And Phyllis Baker retired after 27 years as Head of Technical Services.

In September, Michelle Sampson was hired as the new Library Director. Mary Beth Choquette took over the reins in the Children's Department and Lisa Griffis joined the staff as a Library Assistant. Reference Librarian Beth Pollock resigned and Diana LeBlanc replaced her as a Technical Services and Reference Librarian. Library Page Brendan Hamerger departed and was replaced by Arseney Romanenko.

Despite all of the changes, our staff maintained its excellent service to the community. We had 165,384 people stream through our doors and check out 186,733 items last year! Circulation was up more than 7% from 2004.

Attendance at adult library events skyrocketed with an increase of 22% over last year. Acoustic Café continued to be extremely popular with an average of 100 people per café.

Last year's programs for children and young adults drew several thousand young people into the Library. Story times and other children's programs remained hugely popular throughout the year. Summer reading for all ages was also a big success. Library Survivor for Teen Read Week was a big hit followed later in the year with Halloween and Holiday parties. Each event brought in 25-35 teenagers from grades 6-10. Given the choices available to teenagers, the staff was so encouraged by the response to the programs that they will begin a Teen Advisory Board in 2006.

Book clubs continued to be popular at the Library. Our Adult and Senior book clubs both had steady followings. Several high school boys enjoyed a Boys' Book Club while summer spawned a Mother-Daughter book club that included field trips to see the Peterborough Players as well as Louisa May Alcott's homestead in Concord, MA.

Two particularly expensive building repairs loomed large last year. Our long-suffering leaky roof worsened and we petitioned the Town for a Warrant Article to replace the flat sections. Then the Library's boiler began to fail in mid-December prompting us to apply for Town emergency funds for a new boiler. On the positive side, our front walkways were dug up and repaved; new rubberized flooring was installed in the front stairwell; and the bottom floor and stairwell trim were repainted. The result was a brighter, fresher entrance to the building.

Fundraising is on the horizon for the new Library addition. Originally planned for 2006, our plans to have the project on the Town ballot have been pushed back to 2010. Our space needs are multiplying with no space in the Children's Room for all of their

videos or a proper area for children's programs. Despite aggressive culling of the collection, the staff must be increasingly inventive when finding space to put new materials.

Without a large meeting room we aren't able to host programs with bigger draws since we can't accommodate a large audience. As it is, we are forced to host the ever-popular Acoustic Café in the Children's Room. Volunteers must disassemble the Children's Room and set it up for the program only to break everything down and return all of the furniture and materials to their original location after the performance. The existing meeting rooms are consistently booked to the point where we must turn groups away.

For the future, we anticipate being better able to serve the community in a bright, spacious setting with room for all of our books and materials, meeting room and program space, and a little room to grow. There's a reason Milford was chosen as the best small town in New Hampshire; a fantastic Library that meets its needs is only fitting. With community support, we look forward to building it.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle R. Sampson  
Library Director

**Wadleigh Memorial Library 2005 Circulation Statistics**

Adult Books	52,601	Interlibrary Loan	
Young Adult Books	6,530	Borrowed	1,501
Children's Books	65,132	Loaned	2,134
Periodicals	4,287	<b>Total Interlibrary Loan</b>	<b>3,635</b>
Audio Books	10,394		
Children's Audio	1,542		
Kits	1,608	Registered patrons	10,759
Videos	36,147		
Music CDs	4,623	Patron visits to library	165,384
Museum Passes	197		
Other	37		
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>186,733</b>	<b>Increase of 7% from 2004</b>	

**Programming**

	Events	Participants	
Adult	104		1,445
Young Adult	16		407
Juvenile	234		7,317
<b>Total Events</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>Total Participants</b>	<b>9,169</b>

**Wadleigh Memorial Library Holdings December 31, 2005**

Adult Books	42,867
Juvenile Books	20,754
Reference Books	3,873
<b>Total Books</b>	<b>67,494</b>
Magazines & Newspapers Subscriptions	180
Back issues	7,854

**Audio Visual Holdings 12/31/2005**

Music CDs	1,715	Microforms	Titles	Units
Audio Books	1,977	Microfilm	15	934
Videos & DVDs	3,071	Microfiche	3	5,246
DVDs	216		<b>18</b>	
Juvenile Cassettes	251			
Kits	1,715			
<b>Total Holdings</b>			<b>82,776</b>	

**Wadleigh Memorial Library  
Treasurer's Report  
December 31, 2005 - (UNAUDITED)**

BALANCE @ 01/01/2005	\$	120,331.90
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**REVENUE:**

Town Appropriation	\$	563,099.11
Fines Received		13,196.74
Interest Income		505.60
Interest on Investments		1,719.86
Refunds/Reimbursements		1,246.67
Miscellaneous		1,780.08
Copy Fund Revenue		3,242.41
Book Sales		3,242.80
Non Resident Cards		5,355.45
Program Receipts		1,645.25
Building Fund		353.00
Grants & Donations		8,812.76
Rental Income		16,956.45

<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	\$	621,156.18
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**EXPENSES:**

Salaries & Wages	\$	366,673.19
Professional Services		32,243.41
Property Services		78,268.88
Other Services		11,177.04
Supplies & Materials		103,573.37
Capital Outlay		5,919.25

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$	597,855.14
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BALANCE @ 12/31/2005	\$	143,632.94
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